

I have worked in and around the Washington, DC area for 15 of the last 17 years. During that time I have listened to the traffic reports provided by the commercial radio stations daily. Their reports are not timely or consistently reliable. In addition the commercial reports are at best 10 minutes apart, meaning that if a driver misses the part of the report pertaining to their route they must wait until the next report, again a minimum of 10 minutes, which may be much too late to prevent the driver from being very involved in the traffic jam. XM Radio's traffic reports are very informative and timely.

If I don't like something a commercial station is broadcasting I have two options; change to another channel or turn off the radio. And the commercial station has no idea that I have done that. Their unit of measure is the rating system which is woefully misleading. It may be scientifically accurate from a statistical point of view but the station has no idea that I, as an individual, stopped listening to their station, or why. If on the other hand, I stop listening to XM radio, they lose revenue immediately. And, they want to know why. Which is something the commercial stations do not know; nor do they care.

By subscribing to satellite radio I have, in effect, performed both my options. I have found a new station and left the AM/FM radio.

I strongly urge the FCC to not support this bill in any way.